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Dear Students:

I want to welcome you upon your return to Northern Essex Community College for the Spring semester. Just as Spring represents a promise of renewal, I know that you are ready also to begin the processes of intellectual renewal.

May you find the coming semester at Northern Essex to be stimulating and rewarding. May you find too your friendships renewed and strengthened.

Welcome Back.

Sincerely,
John Dimitry
President

Surplus money must be spent

The Massachusetts Board of Regional Community College has passed a motion that deals with the excess monies in the Student Activity Fund. This means for Northern Essex Community College approximately \$100,000 must be spent by April 30, 1978.

The Massachusetts Board minutes state "The Student Council or senate together with the administrators of the college should seek to make available to the student body the opportunity to express their choice on how best to expend the money."

This money should be spent in the best interest of the total college. The Student Council together with the president should make the final determination of how this money is to be spent.

Therefore, the Office of Student Activities has set up the following schedule to meet these needs.

Student Council meet one day during the spring vacation to vote on these appropriations. This vote will then be passed on to President Dimitry.

It must be remembered that this is Student Activity money and must be expended according to the specific guidelines established by both the MBRCC and Northern Essex Community College.

A detailed article be printed in the first two issues of the Observer describing the amount of money to be spent, how, and by when. This article should also solicit ideas from the student body, faculty, and administration. Deadline for these ideas should be no later than February 24, 1978.

All ideas solicited should be sent to the Student Council. A committee within the Council plus designated administrator's and President Dimitry should evaluate the needs of Northern Essex and recommend proper expenditure of this surplus. These recommendations should be finalized by March 24, 1978.

The surplus of Student Activity Funds at Northern Essex Community College must be spent by April 30, 1978. To meet this date, designated by the MBRCC, a plan must be incorporated and followed with discipline.

Please, if you have any ideas to help this money be put to good use, put it in writing and address it to the Student Council. It's your money....We need your help.

WRAZ is rolling

By Joanne Fitzgerald

Deep in the caverns of The Learning Resource Center, (which is short for - The Library), directly beneath all the knowledge that is obtainable in the land of Northern Essex, WRAZ is rolling on loud and clear; becoming one of the strongest student clubs on campus.

Faithfully, WRAZ provides the College Center daily with music, public service announcements, and information that students need to know. The members of the radio station work hard to produce an enjoyable, professional sounding media seven hours a day, five days a week. They are dedicated to a great cause - bringing music to our ears.

Beginning this semester, for the first time since its' conception WRAZ will be broadcasting to other areas on campus, aside from the lounges and game room located on the lower level of the College Center. WRAZ will soon be heard in the lobby of the gym building, the lounge in B building, certain parts of the cafeteria, and its original places, mentioned above.

During the course of last semester, radio club members met frequently with the aforementioned people to discuss their hopes to make WRAZ more effective in its broadcasting efforts.

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By R. E. Bissonette

A compromise plan, approved last summer between students and administration, will allow doing away with the student carpeted lounge, and 800 square feet of the game room.

Work is in progress and was started in late December, during semester break.

The plan was approved by Dean of Students Churchill Stafford; Ronald Sevigny building superintendent; and Safety Inspector John Blight. The current plan is an alternative of a 1976-77 plan which proposed to move the entire game room to the bookstore area, and to utilize the entire carpeted area and game room for offices.

A high ranking school official surveyed the lounge for several months and said he felt the lounge was always in the dark, had four or five students routinely sleeping there, and was a general flop house.

Much debate and pressure from a special student Ad Hoc committee got the plan changed in the students favor. Minutes from a student council meeting, on July 13, 1977, showed if construction was done, space for the Drop In Center (DIC), Women's Center (WC), Student Government, game room, and handicapped and health services must be secured for the students. These were respected in the present plan for the student center.

State budget funds and contracts have allotted \$5,000 and all the materials for the entire package deal. Joseph Brown, NECC Comptroller, said CETA personnel have been given work on the project, and other campus projects, as well as, ground crew men when they are free from other tasks.

Student Activities Director Rick Nastri stopped surplus funds in the activities budget, being eyeballed by officials, from being gobbled up by the new project.

It was an administrative decision said Stafford. But the Ad Hoc committee, spearheaded by former NECC student Everett Boynton forced the compromise by speaking out not to allow one inch of the center to be used for administrative purposes.

The final decision to utilize any campus space lies with President John Dimitry said Stafford.

Stafford wished to have all student activities in the game/lounge room area. Space will now be allotted for Financial Aid, V.A. Affairs, and Health Services; all will eventually move over from the gym area. John Blight is now holding up the Health Services phase of the project because of insufficient plumbing plans.

MBRCC adopts NECC's policies on handicapped

The Massachusetts Board of Regional Community Colleges (MBRCC) voted to adopt a policy of non-discrimination toward the handicapped at its December meeting.

John R. Dimitry, President of NECC, was quick to praise the efforts of Rubin Russell, NECC's Director of Handicapped Services. Dimitry said, "the policy adopted by the MBRCC is virtually the same as the one that has been operational at NECC since 1973." He further stated the MBRCC's policy was taken almost verbatim from recommendations made by Russell which had been forwarded to the board for consideration by Dimitry.

All community colleges are now required to make available the same assistance NECC has offered to handi-

capped students for several years. In addition the MBRCC extended the policy to cover all employees of community colleges.

In essence the board's policy simply indicates its compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Guidelines for implementation of this law were issued in June of 1977 by Joseph Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare.

Section 504 guarantees that "no otherwise qualified handicapped individual shall, solely by means of his handicap, be excluded from the participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

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(Photo by Eaton)

Cosmo 'pix' brains

The OBSERVER asked this question to incoming freshman.

What do you expect to get out of Northern Essex?



(Photos
by Pallaria)



Tucker Hoover, age 20, from Topsfield: "A good foundation for an education in order to go to a good four-year institution."

Heidi Sheppard, age 19, from Amesbury: "I'm taking a few courses that I'm interested in - just looking to find out what I'd like to do."

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Financial aid changes announced

NECC - Changes have been made in financial aid applications for the coming year, Michael Kaplon, financial aid director, said.

While some institutions base awards on need, academics or both; NECC has need-based awards only, Kaplon said.

Kaplon warned most students don't realize the BEOG (Basic Educational Opportunity Grant) entitles eligible students to eight full-time semesters only.

The new application form - MFAF (Massachusetts Financial Aid Form) enables applicants to fill out one form applying for all grants, loans or work study. All that is required is to check which grants one is applying for, Kaplon said.

Kaplon advises applicants to use the sample application form for their own copies.

On the application, No. 83 must be checked yes in order to apply for the BEOG. Numbers 1 through 16 must be filled in. NECC requires biographical data on parents - even if the student is financially independent. Independent students need one parental signature on questions 38 and 39. The signature provides verification that said parent provided no financial support, Kaplon said.

When the yellow expense form is received by the student, Kaplon said this indicates the college has received the awards information. the student **must** return the expense forms and award letters to Financial aid within 14 days.

All applications should be completed and sent out by February 15. Failure to comply with this deadline may affect when students receive grants, Kaplon warned.

Any change in income or expenses after filing applications should be reported to Financial Aid in order to re-compute applications, Kaplon said.

Student Council

The Student Council is in need of two members to complete the Council for the Spring of 1978. Nomination papers are available in Room 126, College Center. Nomination pictures must be returned by Wednesday, February 1, 1978. Elections will take place on Friday, February 3. Meetings are held every Monday at 11:00 in Room 133, College Center.

Pass No Credit

As many as three elective courses during a student's two years at NECC may be taken on a pass no credit basis. This means that a student may make a contract with his/her professor stating that if the student passes the course he/she receives only a grade of pass and the allotted number of credits for the course. If the student does not pass the course he/she receives no credit for the course, and there is no detrimental effect on the student's cumulative grade point average. Pass no credit forms are available at the registrar's office.

Audit

A student may with the permission of the professor who teaches the course receive permission to audit or sit in on a course. This means the student may attend classes without being responsible for the assigned course work. No credit is given to a student who audits a course. The choice to audit a course is usually made by a student who is unsure of his/her interest in the subject and desires to give it a test run, or by the student who already has a full schedule of courses but is interested in another course that would be impossible for him/her to keep up with if he/she had to complete all the assigned course work.

Reciprocal Registration

NECC has a reciprocal registration policy with Bradford College. An NECC student may register for any course at Bradford College in which there is room after Bradford students have registered.

Lowell U. to hold admissions seminar

Saturday Jan. 28 thru Saturday Feb. 25, 1978

Saturday, January 28, 1978

College of Pure & Applied Science

Biological Science
Chemistry BS
Chemistry BA
Environmental Sceince BS
Geology Option
Mathematics
Meteorology
Physics
Radiological Health Physics
Undeclared Science
College of Health Professions
Health Education
Medical Technology
Nursing
Undeclared Health
Physical Therapy

Saturday, February 4, 1978

College of Engineering

Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Industrial Technology
Mechanical Engineering
Nuclear Engineering
Plastic Engineering
College of Music
Bachelor of Music
Bachelor of Arts

Saturday, February 11, 1978

College of Liberal Arts

American Studies
Art
Criminal Justice
English
French
History
Modern Languages

Philosophy
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Undeclared Liberal Arts

College of Education

Elementary Education in the following areas: American Studies, Art, English, History, Math, Psychology and Sociology.

Saturday, February 18, 1978

College of Management Science

BA Accounting
BA Economics
BA Management
Undeclared Business

Undeclared Majors

A discussion with students who have not decided what Academic field they wish to enter.

Saturday, February 25, 1978

Snow Date

If we are forced to cancel due to inclement weather that day's program will be offered on the Snow Date listed above.

Cancellation notice will be aired on the following radio stations: WLLH-Lowell, WCAP-Lowell, WBZ-Boston.

Program

10:00-10:30 a.m. Brief introduction of University Admissions and Financial Aid Policies (Cafeteria, South Campus).
10:30-11:30 a.m. Informal exchanges with Department Personnel.
11:30-12:30 noon. Tours of Campuses
12:30-2:00 p.m. Interviews with Admissions Personnel.
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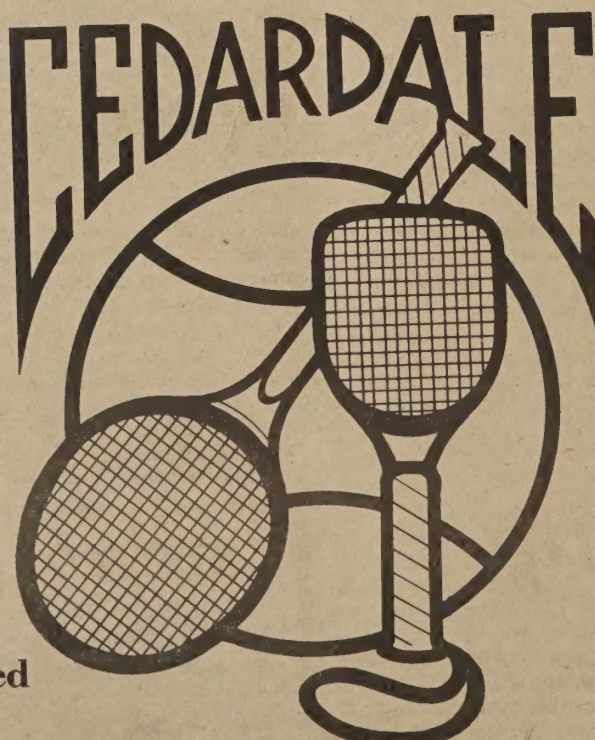
3:30-5:30 p.m. Tennis

5:30-7:30 p.m. Happy Hour

All a student needs is

his/her sneakers

We will loan racquets if needed



EXTRAS:

Sauna, Steam,

Locker room facilities

Limited instruction

for

complete beginners

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373-9222

or

373-9223

Program Director- Kevin O'Shea

Russell named to new position



Late last semester President John R. Dimitry announced the appointment of Rubin Russell to the position of Director of Handicapped Services. In this position Russell continues to be responsible for the provision of special serviced to handicapped students and, in addition, will assume several new responsibilities.

Russell has also been designated as the person responsible for the coordination of the college's efforts to comply with Section 504, the HEW regulations of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Dimitry said.

In this role he is the college's affirmative action/equal opportunity officer for handicapped persons, and he oversees these efforts for both admissions and employment for all divisions of the college.

Furthermore, as Section 504 compliance officer, he is responsible for insuring that the college meets its obligations to handicapped persons in such additional areas as physical accessibility, academic adjustments, and grievance procedures.

Dimitry has asked all members of the college community to involve him in any decision-making process which in any way affect, or may affect present, future, or potential handicapped students or employees of the college.

Community Service

In addition to his work at NECC, Russell is also active in the community. He has served on the board of trustees of the Merrimack Valley Health Planning Council Inc. for approximately two years. He is presently vice-chairman of the board and chairman of its Education and Community Participation Committee.

Russell is also president of the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Area Board. This board serves the Haverhill-Newburyport area as an advisory commission to Robert Hartl, Director of Mental Health for the area.

Register with career placement services

NECC - Registration with the office of Placement and Career Services should be completed immediately by all individuals anticipating to graduate in June. Services available to students include the Job Listing and Referral Service, the on-campus Recruiting Program, and the Credentials Service.

Registration materials are available in the Career Library in Room 111 of the College Center.

A representative from the Mass. Division of Employment Security, Mr. Gelineau, will be available every Wed. to refer to students to part time and full-time jobs. Veterans and non-veterans are eligible to use this service. All jobs will be listed on an updated microfiche system for easy review and referral. When the representative is not on-campus a non identified microfiche will be available in the Career Resource Library for use by students.

Each year, the Office of Placement and Career Services will invite employers to visit the campus to interview students and alumni-ae for available employment opportunities. For the most part, employers participating in the on-campus recruiting program do so for the purpose of interviewing students for permanent full-time employment. When other interview opportunities are available, they will be announced as such.

Scheduled Recruiting Visits as of Jan. 6

Deering Ice Cream Company	March 8
Metropolitan Life Insurance	March 14
Hit or Miss Inc.	March 15

All job notices will be posted on bulletin boards near the following locations in

addition to circulation to registrants by means of the Job Listing and Referral Service.

Career Resource Library, Rm. 135 College Center; B Building, Across from DCE offices; C Building, Near Rm. 109.

Again a reminder to students that the Office of Placement and Career Services is that part of NECC's Division of Student Services which assists students in planning for and choosing and obtaining professional career employment upon graduation. They do not function as an employment agency, but rather offer information and advice on careers and employment opportunities so that students will be better able to evaluate themselves and their employment needs.

WORKSHOPS

Placement and Career Services

Career Drop In's - Informal sessions for students interested in discussing and sharing their ideas and concerns about any career related subject.

Resume Writing Workshops - Lecture and discussion sessions devoted to job-getting communication techniques, resume preparation, cover letters, thank-you notes, etc.

Interviewing Techniques Workshops - Sessions devoted to helping students prepare for employment interviewing. Discussion centers around the ins and outs of the job interview, how to prepare for one, how to participate in one, and what happens after one.

Job Search Techniques - A review of the decision-making process that must coincide with the job search. A discussion of the resources available for information and preparation and procedures to use in applying for the position desired.

All workshops will take place in Room 135 of the College Center

February 1	Wednesday	11:00 - 12:00	Career Drop In
February 8	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Career Drop In
February 17	Friday	11:00 - 12:00	Career Drop In
February 22	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Resume Writing
February 27	Monday	11:00 - 12:00	Resume Writing
March 8	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Interview Techniques
March 10	Friday	11:00 - 12:00	Interview Techniques
March 22	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Job Search Techniques
April 3	Monday	11:00 - 12:00	Job Search Techniques
April 5	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Career Drop In
April 12	Wednesday	11:00 - 12:00	Career Drop In
April 12	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Resume Writing
April 21	Friday	11:00 - 12:00	Resume Writing
April 24	Monday	11:00 - 12:00	Interview Techniques
April 26	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Interview Techniques
May 3	Wednesday	12:00 - 1:00	Job Search Techniques
May 10	Wednesday	5:30 - 6:30	Job Search Techniques
May 12	Friday	11:00 - 12:00	Career Drop In



NECC book store busy as usual as semester begins.

(Photo by Pallaria)

Student Council news

The NECC Student Council held a meeting on Monday, Jan. 23, 1978, in Room 133, College Center. At this time it was learned that Linda Zwieger and Jennifer Prince are no longer on the council. For this reason a special election will be held on Friday, Feb. 3, 1978 to elect two (2) senior members to fill the vacancies. Nomination papers must be in by Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1978.

A motion made by Rodney Cook to have council meetings held on Monday mornings at 11 was approved and accepted by the Student Council.

A motion made by Mary Lou Arsenault to hold meetings on a regularly scheduled basis with President Dimitry beginning Feb. 13 and every third week thereafter

was passed. Rick Nastri was asked to arrange the schedule with President Dimitry.

A letter was received from Mrs. Charlesworth asking that money be appropriated for an oil painting in memory of Mr. Charlesworth, a former instructor at NECC. It was voted that a return letter be sent to her informing her that her request could not be complied with. Mrs. Charlesworth has been asking for this portrait since 1975.

The question of classes during the 11-1 free time was discussed with the recommendation that a letter be sent to President Dimitry concerning it, also that the registrar cooperate in this matter.

Transfer Meetings

Every Wednesday
10:00 a.m. - Room 118 - College Center
Springfield College, Monday, Jan. 30,
11:00-1:00 in the cafeteria.
Bentley College, Tues., Feb. 14,
10:00-1:00 in the cafeteria.
**Amherst College, Wed., Feb. 15,
9:00-10:00 in Room 118.
Nathaniel Hawthorne, Wed., Feb. 15,
11:00-1:00 in the cafeteria.

Lowell University, Wed. Feb. 15,
12:30-2:00 in the cafeteria.
Castleton State, Monday, Feb. 27,
2:00-3:00 in the cafeteria.
Rivier College, Wed., March 1,
10:00-11:00 in the cafeteria.
U.Mass. Boston, Tues., April 4,
10:00-1:00 in the cafeteria.
**Special Scholarship money available for N.E.C.C. students.

Drop In Center News

The Drop-In Center, or "DIC" as it is commonly known conducted its first staff training program in January, 1972 and began serving the students of Northern Essex at the beginning of the Spring, 1972 semester. Ever since, the DIC has been known on campus and off as the place to turn to for good, reliable information, and really helpful "help".

The DIC routinely gives information and referrals about virtually anything having to do with people, from helping people connect with rides and roommates to legal assistance to child care. But the DIC is probably best known for its work in the areas of sexuality and alcohol and drugs. Any question or concern someone might have about these topics can most likely be answered by someone at the DIC or by someone they refer to. The DIC helped women obtain abortions in New York before they were legal in Massachusetts and they helped women get no-hassle pregnancy tests years before there was a school health service. The DIC helped men avoid military service when there was a draft, and the Veteran's Club on campus was started by some DIC staff. The Women's Center was also begun by DIC staff, as a result of encouragement by some guest speakers in a DIC Staff Training Program.

One of the most important services of the DIC is the provision of a place to talk and people to talk to who not only care, but also are trained to be helpful listeners. Anyone who has ever had occasion to "drop-in" knows that the student volunteers at the DIC are good people to rap with. They are trained not to lay their "trips" on other people, but simply to help people straighten out their own thoughts and feelings. The DIC is one place where you cannot ask someone what she would do "if she were you" She would not answer that question because she is not you and would not begin to presume to know what is best for you. But she would help you figure out what you really want to do by asking you some questions that might help you focus your own conflicts and resolve them the best way for you.

The Drop-In Center will be running its thirteenth semi-annual Staff Training Program over the weekend from Friday, February 24 to Sunday, February 26. If you are not superstitious, are interested in becoming part of a very useful organization and are willing to volunteer your time, about six hours a week, you should visit the DIC right away. Just "drop-in" to the Drop-In Center in the College Center Building, near the gameroom.

Lay it on the line

"Lay it on the line" is a new column provided to NECC students as a service by the OBSERVER staff and the student council. It is our hope that this column will help provide answers for students who may be having trouble dealing with any phase of their lives at NECC.

Too often we hear of problems that could have been solved if the students involved knew where to go for what and/or whom to appeal for assistance. Since the OBSERVER staff in the course of reporting the news and the student council members in order to serve effectively must know the functions and areas of responsibility of college officials, they are now offering this expertise to fellow students. Please inform us of your problems: WE will do all we can to help you solve them.

TO "Lay it on the line":

Please sign your letter and indicate where we may reach you for more detailed information. We will not print your signature without your direct permission.



Huge puddle covering sidewalk in front of "C" bldg. forces students into snow. (Photo by Pallaria)

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1, poor a.m.; fair p.m.	9, good a.m.; fair p.m.	18, excellent a.m.; excellent p.m.
2, poor a.m.; fair p.m.	10, good a.m.; fair p.m.	19, good a.m.; good p.m.
3, fair a.m.; fair p.m.	11, fair a.m.; fair p.m.	20, fair a.m.; good p.m.
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5, fair a.m.; poor p.m.	13, fair a.m.; fair p.m.	22, poor a.m.; good p.m.
6, excellent a.m.; good p.m.	14, poor a.m.; poor p.m.	23, poor a.m.; fair p.m.
7, excellent a.m.; good p.m.	15, poor a.m.; fair p.m.	24, poor a.m.; fair p.m.
8, good a.m.; good p.m.	16, good a.m.; good p.m.	25, fair a.m.; fair p.m.
	17, good a.m.; excellent p.m.	26, fair a.m.; good p.m.
		27, fair a.m.; good p.m.
		28, good a.m.; good p.m.

Amer. Indians speak true way of peace

Compiled by R.E.Bissonnette

Due to the current dilemma of world problems and the need for a peaceful solution, the Observer wishes to present a seven-part series on American Indian prophecies.

The first four installments will be of the Hopi revelations. The Hopi wisdom will be followed by an interview with Wallace Black Elk a Sioux Holy Man. There will also be an interview of Richard Kastle, an Ogala-Creek Indian and friend of the Hopi.

We are sure you will find these excerpts enlightening and inspiring for soul growth and as answers to our main problems of life.

THE ESSENCE OF HOPI PROPHECY

The Hopis claim to be the oldest keepers of the North American Continent. They now live in the Four-Corners of the World region of the States of Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada. Hopi means way of peace.

The Hopi Nation's spiritual life is based on seeing to it that living things are not interfered with. "We are all related; we are one with nature. At this very moment we are all linked together by the air we breathe. Hopi believe that everything is alive. Hopi believe that we must, from our heart, give that spiritual feeling to others so that nature will continue on its natural course," said Thomas Banyacya - an Hopi spiritual interpreter.

The entire Hopi prophecy usually takes many days to tell, and many lifetimes to fully understand. This is a short summary of essential points.

The Balance Of Life

As caretakers of life we affect the balance of nature to such a degree that our own actions determine whether the great cycles of nature bring prosperity or disaster. Our present world is the unfoldment of a pattern we set in motion.

Our divergence from the natural balance is traced to a point preceding the existence of our resent physical form. Once we were able to appear and disappear at will, but through our own



Photo courtesy of Hopi Elders

arrogance we took our precreative powers for granted and neglected the plan of the creator. As a consequence we became stuck in our physical form, dominated by a continual struggle between our left and right sides, the left being wise but clumsy, and the right being clever and powerful but unwise, forgetful or our original purpose.

The Cycle Of Worlds

This suicidal split was to govern the entire course of our history through world after world. As life resources diminished in accord with the cycles of nature, we would try to better our situation through our own inventions, believing that any mistakes could be corrected through further inventions. In our cleverness, most of us would lose sight of our original purpose, become involved in a world of our design, and ultimately oppose the order of the universe itself, becoming the mindless enemy of the few who could still hold the key to survival.

If you value the destiny of future generations more than personal welfare, please make survival of the Hopi way your primary concern, and let the successful resolution of their plight at the hands of the industrial world by your personal responsibility and greatest pleasure.

In several previous worlds the majority have advanced their technology in this way, even beyond what we know today. The consequent violations against nature and fellow humans caused severe imbalances which were resolved in the form of war, social disintegration and natural catastrophe.

As each world reached the brink of annihilation, there remained a small minority who had managed to live in nearly complete accord with the infinite plan, is implied in the name, Hopi. Toward the final stages they would find themselves beset with signs of disintegration within, as well as enticing offers and severe threats from without aimed toward forcing them to join the rest of the world.

Our Present World

Our common ancestors were among the small group who miraculously emerged from the last world as it reached its destruction, though they too were tainted with corruption. The seed of the crisis we face today were brought with us when we first set foot in this world.

Upon reaching our present world, our ancestors set out on a long migration to meet the Great Spirit in the form of Maasauu, the caretaker of this land and all that lives upon it. They followed a special pattern, however a very serious omen made a separate journey necessary, in order to balance the extreme disorder anticipated for the latter days.

The True White Brothers

A Hopi of light complexion, now known as the "true white brother", left the group and travelled in the direction of the rising sun, taking with him a stone tablet which matches a similar tablet held by one of those who went on to meet Maasauu at a place called Oraibi, where the present Hopi villages were established according to his instructions.

The Hopi anticipated the arrival of a race of light-skinned people from the east, predicting many of their inventions, which would serve as signs indicating certain stages in the unfoldment of the pattern the Hopi had studied from antiquity. It was clearly foreseen that the visitors, in their cleverness, might lose sight of their original purpose, in which case they would be very dangerous. Still the Hopi were to watch for one who has not left the spiritual path, and carries and actual stone tablet.

For Further Information or free copies of this leaflet, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Land and Life, 1116 Bates Street, Los Angeles, California, 90029.

Hopi Contacts

Techqua Ikachi Publications, Box 174, Hotevilla, Arizona, 86030; Thomas Banyacya, interpreter, Box 112, Oraibi, Arizona, 86039.

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Parking regs published

Security guard Helmar Carlson has asked the OBSERVER to publish traffic regulations for Northern Essex since "these rules are the ones that are most frequently broken by students". Carlson allowed that students may simply be unfamiliar with them.

Illegal Parking

All vehicles parked as follows will be subject to enforcement regulations for illegal parking:

Withing 20 feet of an intersecting way; within 10 feet of a fire hydrant; in an appropriate area so as to straddle parking lines.

Speed Limit

The speed limit on campus is 20 miles per hour. Carlson emphasizes "all vehicles must be operated with care and speed must further reduce to conform with hazardous road conditions, such as snow or icy roadways when they exist.

Security guards at NECC have the same authority as highway patrol officers to issue speeding tickets. Fines for violations will be determined by the clerk of courts.

Fines and Penalties

Tow Zone Parking	\$15
First offense	warning citation
Second & Subsequent offenses	\$5
Illegal Parking...	
First offense	warning citation
Second offense	\$1
Third offense	\$2
Subsequent offenses	\$5
Speeding	Fines determined by Clerk of Courts

Appeals

All people subject to fines and penalties under the regulations posted in this publication shall retain all right to appeal such fines and penalties to the appropriate court of law.

Towing

After seventy-two hours, all, unauthorized, unused or abandoned vehicles. No liability for towing will be assumed by the college. Any vehicle parked so as to obstruct traffic will be towed. Obstruction of traffic includes:

Parking which impedes snow removal, sanding operations; parking on a sidewalk; double parking; parking in front of any barricade; parking in front of any entrance; parking in a service zone unless engaged in loading or unloading; on land not designated as a parking lot.

Deja Vu

By Joanne Fitzgerald

Ah.....the anticipation starts stirring within me as the car almost automatically moves to the right lane as it approaches the exit.

Taking a left, then another, one of my favorite houses sits proudly in front of me - beautifully unchanged. The little white attic, still sitting right on top; where they no doubt keep the crazy grandmother locked up.

As I bear right, I start hearing the theme song from "2001" in my head; the car slows down to keep time with the music.

The song reaches its crescendo right on cue as I turn the car left - there it is - looming largely before me, Northern Essex Community College. Everything looks the same, just the way I left it. The same idiot is still taking up two spaces in the front row, and naturally the rest of the parking lot is crammed.

I take a right in front of the College Center and suddenly, not 100 yards later, the road becomes something out of a Western, and I consider trading in my Pontiac for a stagecoach.

But it's worth the bumpy ride, because at the end is one of my favorite places on campus. I like to think of it as our own little "Death Valley", others have named it "the last resort", and "the pit". Whatever, there's always plenty of ample parking out there. Mostly because no one can afford new shock absorbers weekly, and the fact that it's conveniently located right next to nothing.

Every cloud has a silver lining, though. If they ever decide to offer a course in "Demolition Derby Techniques I", they already have the perfect place to hold class.

Attn. club presidents

Attention Club Presidents and/or Correspondants! In order that the OBSERVER may publish your news, you must appoint somebody to write your story, or at the very least come by and see somebody who can.

Once your news is written down, drop it into the box outside the office of the OBSERVER. If there is someone in the office leave it with them and write care of Joy Grant.

Remember, if we don't know about it, we can't publish it!

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THE OUTDOOR OBSERVER

Surviving in the woods

By Rod Cook

Being lost in the woods is something that can happen to any of us at any time. Even the most experienced woodsman can become confused for any number of reasons. There may be a severe storm that came up suddenly. A hunter following game may forget to notice landmarks. There are even places in New Hampshire where a compass is useless due to the large amounts of iron in the mountain cliffs.

Many lost persons fail to return alive, usually for one of three reasons: A) ignorance, B) foolishness, C) fear. Often the first brings about the last resulting in doing the second action. Knowing what to do, **before it happens**, can be the difference between life and death - literally. This is the purpose and intent of this article. Naturally space does not permit writing a complete survival manual. However some of the advice given here may not be in most manuals.

The first thing to do when you realize you are lost is to STOP. Don't do another thing, stop right where you are, and sit down. Now, how long ago did you remember your surroundings? Was it an hour ago, ten minutes ago, early this morning? What do you recall seeing last that was familiar?

Can you remember which direction you were coming from? If you can, the problem is simplified immensely. Even if you haven't the least idea of where you are or where you were coming from, all is not lost.

Once you have decided that getting back is not possible, at least momentarily, check the area. Look for a well-sheltered spot. This could be a group of trees, (never a single tree) a large pile of rocks, some thick bushes, a snow bank, or even a cave. Gather up as much dry material as you can, such as dry brush, pine needles, leaves, or even bark. Spread this material on the floor of the sheltered area about four or five inches thick. If there is not enough material to cover the entire floor to that thickness, make an area at least wide and long enough to lie on, as far back into the shelter as possible. If night is coming on, crawl inside trying not to bring in too much wetness or snow; lie down and rest. If you fall asleep, so what? Hopefully you hadn't been working yourself to exhaustion. Therefore, if you start getting chilly, you will wake up if only to turn over on the other side.

Some outdoor survival guides tell you that the best way to stay alive is to walk around a tree all night. **That is a lot of malarkey.** Walking, whether around a tree or in a straight line, all night long will make a person so tired by morning that he or she will not be able to continue. Whoever does this might even fall into a never-ending sleep of total exhaustion. Why waste energy walking, when that same energy can be used to create body heat? As mentioned before, rest for awhile, get up when you

feel cold. Go outside the shelter, move about until the blood starts circulating, then go back in and lie down again for a while. Before you know it, it will be daylight.

When daylight comes, you can start trying to find your way out of the woods. If you are lost in one of the New England states, with the possible exception of parts of Maine, you will come out to some road, highway or river. If a road or highway, following it will eventually lead to either a settlement or at least a road sign telling how far off the next settlement is. If it is a river that is met, follow the current and quite likely this will bring one to safety.

Sufficient food can be found regardless of what season it might be. However it is unlikely that you will need to worry about more than a couple of days supply at most. Since most people seem to become lost during two particular times of the year, namely while summer camping and deer hunting or skiing during winter snows, we will mention briefly a few edibles of that time.

Summer is a time of plenty. Such weeds as plantain, dock, clover, dandelion, and lamb's quarter are edible, either cooked or raw, especially if the plant is young. Readily available are strawberries, raspberries, checkerberries, gooseberries, wild grapes, hickory nuts, walnuts and beech nuts. Sweet fern roots are a potato substitute, as are cattail roots, likewise, arrowhead roots.

Safety pins, paper clips, even nails make good fish hooks.

Although it is not very sporting, fish can be obtained by bombarding them with boulders while in shallow water. If you are lost and hungry, what the heck do you care about sportsmanship? All you are going to give a dang about is filling your belly.

Winter presents a little different problem, but there is still food to be had. Birch bark and leaves make a nourishing tea when steeped in boiling water. The inner bark of this same tree can be cooked as a spaghetti substitute or even chewed raw. Rose hips, the plant's seed-filled "fruit" is a highly concentrated source of Vitamin C.

A belt snare, or even a shoestring one, can catch a small animal such as rabbit or chipmunk. Perhaps a crude bow and pointed-stick arrows can be made. A big pointed stick is a spear.

Don't seek firewood on the ground; look for it in the trees. The first few branches of large trees are often dead, dry and easily broken off. They burn well also. Fire can be started by using a bow and drill or a magnifying glass (or any comparable substitute.)

Don't panic and do something foolish out of blind fear. Just calm down and pull yourself together; it is nowhere near as horrible as first believed.

Woman's center exists for you

The women's center, one of the many organizations at NECC, exists to recognize the concerns of women on campus. **You are needed** to let the center know what these concerns are!

The center is a place to share your views and increase your knowledge of women's issues locally, nationally, and worldwide. Generally it offers an atmosphere for planning, sharing, learning, growing.

It is an invaluable resource for students including a lending library, current publications and newsletters, innumerable information files on career opportunities, children, rape, battered women, homebirth and many more.

Please stop in anytime. You are free to introduce yourself and make use of what is available.

The women's center is organized and run by students. You can take part or be an occasional visitor.

The center was relocated during the semester break. It now can be found downstairs in the College Center adjacent to the game room. Just ask for information in the college center if you are not familiar with the campus.

WELCOME

Editorial Commentary

Greetings fellow students, friends, and readers

Fellow Students, Friends, and Readers:

In a recent survey, one control group of everyday people was shown excerpts from regular 'hard news' features (lootings, bombings, murder...). Another group was shown a new type of news in upbeat style - good news of people helping people, human interest, and real life happenings in the home.

The results showed marked depression, fear, and doubt in living from the regular old humdrum news. But the folks viewing the 'good news' felt more optimistic about other people, their own lives, and had better views of the whole environment.

It is time to change our vision and allow the good things of life to be more in our media. This does not mean hiding the problems of life is the answer; it means there has to be a refocusing of the goal of life, and what that can produce for all of us.

Our purpose and reason for living is to know the truth about all things. And the aim of media matter and those who hold the pen in hand is the realization of that truth and the passing on of that truth.

It is the intention of the Observer to bring good news to you. We will not hide the tough issues either. Our aim is to balance everything (if possible) with a total view of our community, within and without, in a fair and professional manner and format.

As we grow together in life, certain experiences come about. The Observer will report on all incidents reachable. We will do it with you, the student, in mind. Remember, this is a student newspaper. We are here to serve you. It is your paper. Feel free to contribute more than two-cents worth. Get involved.

We will want to hear from any of you by phone, by letter, or a visit to our office (Student Center Office 125...Ext. 283). Meetings are every Monday 11 to 12. Our desire is to serve; if things strike you in a negative or positive fashion please notify us! Together we can grow in harmony and divided we live in loneliness.

Pertinent issues are facing us as to the very core of our survival as a nation, a world, and a universe. We are sure you will find the serialized Indian prophecies, short stories, and creative writing appealing. There will be a return of our steady columns, plus a new student problem column titled "Lay It On The Line".

Sirius Bizness, Love Your Body, Thoughts at the Kitchen Sink, Off the Cuff will all return to fill some reading needs. There will be limited space for faculty comminiques, and faculty writing. Puzzles, WRAZ radio schedules, and news bits will also be included. And our cartoonists will pen some new tunes. Our hard working reporters will still hussle the news features.

Read, enjoy, and live life fully. Dreams are made to be realized. We will serve and guide you to necessary avenues of understanding, to the facts, and to all news.

Student Activities flourish at NECC

NECC - With the advent on campus of the student activities handbook, more commonly called "What ever happened to my \$17.50?" we fail to see why we still hear that fatal question.

Upon investigating this handbook, the Observer noted last semester's student activities included: 10 movies, four mixers, an array of sporting events, numerous workshops, a comedian and a magician. The \$17.50 you pay for the student activities fee also helps to keep 32 clubs and organizations kicking away.

William Haight, Publisher of Student Activities Idea Handbook, said "the number of students who understand how the student fee system on their campus works is small indeed."

"Many services funded through student fees are conducive to a well-rounded campus atmosphere, even though they may not be directly used by most students," Haight said.

The Observer feels this is sad indeed. There are many services and opportunities offered at NECC of which students are partially or totally ignorant. Things with which to enrich college life - if UTILIZED.

Personalities differ, so, quite normally, a student is either quick to criticize or complement. We think these activities here are planned with this in mind. Something for everyone.

We feel that Rick Nastri, Director of Student Activities, should be congratulated for the fine job he has done. Last semester offered a potpourri of things to please everyone. To plan for and please over 3,000 students is no small task.

Nastri said this semester's activities involve a variety of things to please the

student by tying in activities with academics. Since the school is allowed only six liquor license's a year, a semi-formal has been planned and the traditional field day will end our quota of liquor licenses.

Nastri said orientation week will be held the week of Feb. 1. Slides will be shown of last semester's activities along with a preview of this semester. A variety of popular films will be shown this spring, selected by our Film and Video Club. We can look forward to such films as "Deliverance", "Little Big Man", and "Tommy".

Trent Ardenbery, well-known mime will appear on Feb. 15. He has quite an ability with drama and communications, Nastri said.

James Mapes, a hypnotist will appear on March 15, and for science lovers we have Mr. Lee Frank coming on April 12 to discuss the world's most famous monsters.

Nastri said NECC's annual pie eating contest will be held on April 28.

NECC's clubs will be in action again with invitations for all to join. Anyone with any ideas is welcome to stop by Nastri's office located next to the book store, Nastri said.

In conclusion, again we must bring up Nastri's "talents". William Haight said "the fact that there is no sure fire strategy for booking campus entertainment is what make the profession of student activity programming interesting."

We feel Nastri has learned the "art" of his profession well and does make it interesting. As Nastri said, "NECC is one element away from being the best activities program of any community college in Mass. That one element is - You."

Dedication

This issue of the OBSERVER is dedicated to Michael Foisy, our friend, colleague, and circulation manager. Mike worked diligently on behalf of the OBSERVER last semester. Our friendship, good wishes and prayers go out to him in his present illness.

Ghosts of semesters past

At the beginning of anything there is a great temptation to make heartwarming, inspirational, and blood stirring statements. Those poetic phrases that have been said before...an unpainted canvas, a mysterious path, and unwritten book, the uncharted course.

Forget them. Painful as it is, consider the ghosts of semesters past. Especially that of last December when only one week of classes remained of the term.

We had two research papers due and we hadn't decided on the topic for one. We never did untangle the maze that fourth unit of math had become, but we did skip the test. In December we had to make it up anyway when we were much farther from any rudimentary understanding we had when we originally side tracked it.

We owed our comp teacher three papers, and despite evidence of our very large family the excuse that grandmother died was strained beyond credibility.

And our Psych teacher actually thought we had time to do an elaborate project on the long range psycho-socio-economic

effects of alcohol consumption on Australian aborigines. Who is his right mind would care? O.K. so he was a Fullbright scholar with a major in anthropology. We can't win them all.

Everyone else was excited about the Christmas mixer, but we were wearing out the turn styles in the library. Our Advanced Cafeteria Social Life course was definitely suffering from long absences. Our favorite food was Vivarin, and the cause dearest to our hearts was finding a National Geographic old enough to insure that our professor (the one with the aborigines) would not know for sure we were paraphrasing.

We felt worse than Scrooge, and we secretly throught end-of-the-semester-parties were solely for drowning our sorrows.

Regrets? We had a few. Resolutions? We made many.

May begins in January just as that dreadful December began in August. Now is the time to act!

Welcome back and happy new semester!

Dimitry lauds council

To:

Marylou Arsenault, Jennifer Prince, Rodney Cook, Marie Loughlin, Michael Faro, Zofia Mierzwa, Larry Murphy, Karen Oliveri.

I want to congratulate you on the fine work you have done in preparation of the 1978 student activity budget. In reviewing this document it was quickly apparent that a great deal of work in planning was involved.

You, along with your colleagues, should be very proud. A responsible, fiscal, document of this type is, unfortunately too often rare.

Again, my thanks and my congratulations, you have done an excellent job.

Sincerely,
John Dimitry

Editor's note -
The OBSERVER congratulates these fellow students on a job well done.



Butts and food don't mix

The Northern Essex Cafeteria needs to be more considerate of non-smoking students and staff. There is no place where those who do not smoke, do not like tobacco smoke, and in fact become ill from it, can sit down and enjoy a meal in unfouled air.

Not only that, but non-smokers are subjected to sit where the previous occupant has smudged out his or her butt in the dinner plate or drowned it in the coffee cup, leaving a sickening mess. Certainly non-smokers are entitled to their rights of a clean table in a clean atmosphere.

We believe that a section of the cafeteria should be partitioned off and reserved for those who wish to consume their meals in a smoke-free atmosphere.

This can be accomplished by simply closing the divider curtains, which have already been installed, along one side of the cafeteria, and putting up signs stating that the area is a no smoking area.

Without such a designated area, non-smokers will have no choice but to sit in an undesirable atmosphere or to refuse to frequent the premises.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

Transfer procedures

To The Editor:

The process of transferring to another school is one that involves much more than merely filling applications and compiling transcripts. It is a process that begins the first day that one enters Northern Essex and ends the final day of class, two or more years later.

This process consists of two dimensions. Hopefully, one dimension provides the student with the sound foundation of college-level curriculum. The other dimension prepares the student for the final two years of his college education at another school, where he will choose a major and consider the possibility of Graduate School.

Northern Essex is an ideal place for one to undergo this process. It offers a fundamental, yet diverse college curriculum. For the most part, faculty members are very accessible, honest, inspirational and above-all, excellent instructors. A small enrollment permits direct contact between a teacher and his student. The school is located in an area, free from the distractions of the city.

A motivated student can find an

atmosphere conducive to achievement, while at Northern Essex. However, such a student would be wise to avoid courses and instructors whose contribution to a sound college-level curriculum is questionable. Let us be candid, every institution has its share of such courses and instructors, and Northern Essex is no exception, however small its share may be. The inflated grades that are received from these courses may temporarily boost one's ego, but will prove to be of little value. By avoiding these courses, the student will also avoid regrets later in his academic career.

A student has at least two alternatives, during his time of enrollment at Northern Essex. He can successfully complete the forementioned process and realize the rewards or waste his time and the precious time of others.

Northern Essex is a great place. Take advantage of it. You may never find the same opportunities elsewhere.

Joe Ryan
NECC, Class of '77
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Class of '79

MRS. JOHNSON COMPETENT

To: Charles Reilly, Chairperson of Liberal Arts Division.

Letter to the editor -

We, the undersigned, feel that Mrs. Johnson is very competent, and we also feel that she created an excellent learning environment for English Comp. II.

She created an effective cognitive and affective domain. Her interpretations and presentations concerning the subject matter that we covered in the syllabus, we mutually felt to be highly commendable. The best learning takes place when people feel good about where they are.

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Editor's Note:

This letter is a response to a letter by Shirley Hargrove in the December 7, 1977 issue. We do not believe Ms. Hargrove stated that Mrs. Johnson of the Communications Department is incompetent. Her letter follows this one.

NECC - An unfair situation has developed in an English Composition course. At Mid-semester we have had a change of instructors. There are a great many differences in their teaching methods, and we have been given little or no time to adjust to these differences.

We have been told that the work we did for the first half of the semester will not have any bearing on our final grade. Is this fair to the students involved?

We know this change was done to facilitate the administration of the Communications Department. Was the effect this move would have on the students considered? Is the administration of this school more important than the people the school is here to serve?

I feel some consideration should be given to the work that was done in the first half of the semester. When it comes to a final grade, the scale should be tilted in the students favor.

Education rapped

The Educational process strikes out when the students and-or faculty are not held responsible for the subjects covered. I am returning to school after a number of years in the work first and I have always believed that I was responsible for the quality of work assigned to me. It angers me to hear and read about professors that are so Charlie Brown wishy-washy as to claim that no value per/se should be attached to scholastic competence. We owe no debt to people in education that refuse evaluation. How else are we to check the quality of workdone; how else are we to measure progress? Like a wart on the nose, these people will saprophitically exist unless surgically or administratively removed. You know who you are.

Dave Scheidegger
student

In moral support

The more I think about NECC, the more I say to myself, "What the hell am I doing here in this zoo?"

Registration was bad enough, but now I realize this whole place is turning into a zombie camp. They say that the grade says it all, or that the only key to a successful job is to get a Degree. Or they tell you, "get a certain CUM or you don't transfer." Or they give you other stupid, idiotic statements like that. BARF!

Evaluations seem to be a big priority around here. Put a label on everything, right? Everybody has to be processed. If you don't have a student I.D. number, you don't exist. If a teacher doesn't submit his/her student evaluation, he/she is not fulfilling "contact requirements."

Man, what the hell is going on? What's the purpose of going to college? Am I here to get "trained and processed" so I can get a "decent job? Hey, you get a lot of respect if you get a respectable, prestigious, well-paying job, right? Or am I here to learn more about life as it really is - expand my mind in all respects and really get educated as a truly human person?

There is talk of a couple of teachers (damn good ones too) who might be fired because they wouldn't conform to standards and submit their student evaluations last semester. I say, "in moral support of..." oh, why not? I'll mention their names: Val Paradise and Edna Kimball. I have never met two people who are more inspiring, truthful, honest, and personal. The courses I had with them are courses that I won't forget. I actually learned and discovered things I really wasn't aware of through their personalized, encouraging, teaching methods.

In other words they are real people. not

some professors who talk to the blackboard and pass out those ridiculous, multiple choice, fill-in-the-blanks, true or false exams.

Val and Edna are truth speakers. They are spirited and alive. They are what life is all about. What Val said about evaluation questionnaires being "robotizing, amoral, untruthful, and evil" is true. A computerized, systematic, evaluation questionnaire is completely absurd. Since when does a student have to judge and evaluate a teacher's competence? If a teacher speaks the truth (as do Val and Edna) and the truth that is within him/her, why should the teacher be questioned?

The principle involved is the human spirit. The real definition of what a teacher should represent, as Val and Edna do. A real teacher enables a student to feel that truth and God are in him and for him rather than bribing or bullying him into this insane, evil business of data collection, information processing, robot like thing presupposed by the questionnaire.

Maybe it's the questions not asked that really matter: "Does teacher speak from deep conviction or does he say what people want him to say? Does he ever stick his own neck out for the sake of love and truth, jeopardize his own welfare in order to say something he believes needs to be said if society is to improve?"

Principles never die; people die. Val and Edna may get canned, but never destroyed. They believe in a principle under God, and I'd like to see the administration top that.

Val and Edna gave me the real meaning of education, the Truth, Love and a true human spirit of idealism.

To the administrators:

"You're nothing but a bunch of clowns who run around the offices like fools."

Dick Conrad
One Who Cares

Connolly makes English special

Dear Editors:

We were so pleased to see the letter about Dr. Connolly in the last paper. It said a little of what so many of us think about this tremendous teacher.

On the last day of class a few of us were standing in the hall talking about him when two older students walked past us. One of them was saying, "Just be sure you don't leave Northern Essex without taking a course with Dr. Connolly - Any course." We all laughed because that's how we thought about him. He makes English a special course and NECC a special place. Many thanks to the Woman who wrote about him.

Just A Few Of Us

Open letter

An open letter to Mr. Seigny,

By the powers vested to you by our President, John Dimitry - you and your staff patrol our parking lots keeping them clean of snow, sleet and undesirables. At this time I would like to say that I have in the past received one of your famous 'parking tickets' - I would like to explain my dilemma - as I no doubt will find myself involved again.

I am a student here at NECC. I pay for tuition, books, and many other assorted fees - all of which would seem to entitle me to a parking space within the college grounds - sometimes this is not available. You see, as we drive into the college grounds we look onto the student building lot - full to the brim. Passing by the "staff lot" we see that it is only half full - continuing along near 'c' building - we note there are no spaces - we now have a choice of one of two mud holes. Now I realize that there are more students than staff, but I do not understand why I cannot park in a half empty lot - the staff, for whom those spaces are designated are parked in the closest spot to their respective jobs. Perhaps you should go around and ticket their cars. At this time I would like to suggest that we either all share all lots or keep the staff the devil out of our parking spaces.

Signed
An Upset Student

Lay it on the line

To The Editors-

With all the painstaking, time consuming effort of the registrars office to put together some kind of order for registration this year, it is a shame that the advisors are not well informed to advise students. I spent two and a half days tracking down my advisor, who was not in school, due to no classes. This is very frustrating when you need the advisor's signature before you can register!!! What is the idea behind the signature??? To bring order to registration, to seek answers to questions, or just the only solution the Registrar could come up with for registering???

After two and a half days of trying to locate my advisor, I went to the head of the business department for advice. What happened next made me MAD!

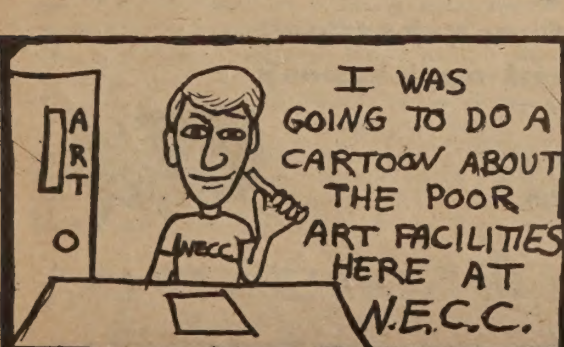
I'm being sent to school by Mass. Rehabilitation for an Associates Degree to become a medical secretary. Both Mass. Rehab. and I agreed to two years training. Up until now I was sure I could finish my two years without trouble. Tuesday I registered for my third semester and came to a great awakening. I would not be able to finish school in two years as I had planned..WHY?

This little word WHY means a lot of things to many people. WHY am I going to have to continue school for another semester? I was one of the unfortunates who received **unsound advice**. My advisor may be great as a teacher, but had no idea what I needed for classes. I am also at fault for not insisting on the classes that I need, but I was under the impression that advisors **KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING!** I was really amazed that very few could help a student out. The advice given me will result in an **extra semester and postponement of my graduation!!**

Sincerely,
Jamie Valliant

Editor's note:

The OBSERVER's new column "Lay it on the Line" has taken the situation under advisement and will report on it next issue.





Back to school

(Photo by Pallaria)

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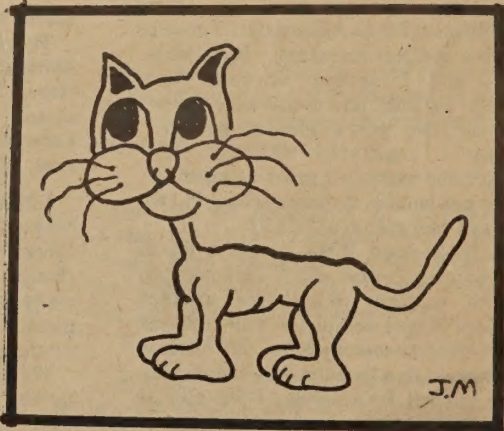
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Wall mural across from Discovery office.

(Photo by Pallaria)



Facts worth filing

***Jimmy Carter is the only U.S. President since George Washinton whose family bloodlines trace back to British Royalty.

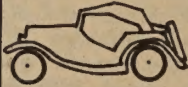
loved Lucy.

***A personal item of Elvis Presley's was auctioned off recently, and brought in a tidy sum of \$50. The lucky bidder was the proud owner of a rectal thermometer used by the King.

***When casting roles for "The Wizard of Oz", MGM bargained like madmen with 20th Century Fox to get "the" leading child-star at the time - Shirley Temple, to play the role of Dorothy. But Fox couldn't spare her, so MGM had to settle for someone out of their ranks of 'featured' players (not stars). They grudgingly settled for Judy Garland.

***In January of 1953, more Americans viewed the birth of Little Ricky on "I Love Lucy"(44 million), than the inauguration of General Dwight D. Eisenhower as thirty-fourth President of the United States (29 million). We liked Ike, but we

***Florida Orange Juice has decided not to renew its long-time contract with Anita Bryant. I guess the fruits are better off without her.

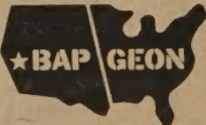


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Visions of Paradise

BY VAL PARADISE

I have sometimes come into the campus early on an overcast, cold morning and watched the mists dissipate and rise up that hill beside the lake, moved by the invisible power of the sun. It all seemed too strong, too obvious to be anything else but a deliberate message from nature herself: a deliberate symbolic clarification of what is actually going on behind the superficialities and malice of official Northern Essex.

Here is an illustration: An administrator called the editors of this paper after the last issue came out and asked that my column be censored because I am "not in good standing with" him and his buddies.

There is no one who can't understand that for what it is. The real issues could not be made more clear and vibrant than they are being made at Northern Essex for anyone who has eyes to see. The college is doing what it should do after all, through its Satanic perversity for those who are earnest.

This 4.0 student at MIT is building a Plutonium bomb for me from materials and information available in the Boston area. I first thought of getting one of these for myself about four years ago when Jack Anderson disclosed a secret Ford Foundation report on how organized crime had achieved access to nuclear materials.

It will be a little while before everything is ready, but then those Mad Scientists who dissect cats in that building over there are going to hear from me. They are going to have to get down on their knees and repent for disembodiment of the intellect, for their contempt for the truly feminine, for hurting people with deep dark eyes, for their disintegrative scientism and quantophobia.

Also, the Northern Essex bureaucrats are going to apologize and to see to it that we have the option of taking courses like dream interpretation that deal with our most serious needs as alternative to all these required courses on factoring quadratic equations and Silas Marner and the date some guy took his elephants into the alps according to Frutari of Padua.

It is arranged that if I should be knifed in the back while walking down a corridor in the administration building, something like that, before everything is ready, then the bomb project is to be turned over to my friend from Lawrence. And he will raise holy hell around here. One of his eyes is bigger than the other and he is less balanced than I am.

Things shouldn't have to go that far since most people around here think that survival is what it's all about. They will come around and do things my way because they think this life is all there is anyway. They are realistic, not the martyr type.

A former Necc professor recently told me: "It is no accident that people refer to a college degree as a 'sheep skin.' " College people look for all the world like docile, safe, timid, authority-loving members of the group - like sheep. But is only surface. Just the back stabbing that goes on among college professors who have degrees in the humanities should show anyone the wisdom of this persistent phrase, "the sheep skin."

Another phrase to think about is the one Jamie Vallant wrote about in the last issue of the Observer: "You are not college material."

Also, there is "You don't fit in, don't get along with your peers" and "You're lazy, you think too much" and "You've got a learning disability" and "You've got a problem with authority."

Then they bring in a psychiatrist who can't figure out what the hell is wrong with you or who actually knows what is really going on but doesn't tell anyone because he has a family to support and house payments to make. So they take you into Boston to have wires attached to your skull from machines.

They get you to thinking that there must be something wrong with you - and if you believe in them you really are in trouble. May I ask where did those of you who made it through those scenes get your strength, particularly the strength not to get possessed with murderous anger at them? I think the day will come when you see that you are God's blessed people and that those other people get exactly what they deserve in the long run.

You will see that the very things they told you were bad about you - your idealism, your disobedience and rebelliousness, your inability to "go along", your guilelessness that got called naivete - these things come to be seen as signs of Grace.

You will see that the 4.0 people, the clever respectable ones, become so demented that they can't even tell whether they really exist or not. They get themselves so confused with their "images" and possessions that they can't stop being phony even when they made extraordinary, desperate attempts to do so. Their cleverness at pretense and the vast numbers of people just like them have made their escapism just about inexorable.

The popularity of the Dracula legend was one of the exciting things about 1977 for anyone trying to understand "education", for Dracula obviously looks an awful lot like a professor.

Dracula even dresses like a professor. He thinks it is a big deal to speak English properly, that's in the original story. Those students who last all the way through graduate school look pale for a reason they've lost a lot of blood. But whoever has been bitten by a vampire becomes a vampire himself; so they in turn become professors and smile when they see all that fresh red, new blood coming into the system each year, fresh men.

The furnishings of his castle are as weird and musty as quadratic equations. He has almost puppet-like control over those he "loves". He tells them they are free to go at any time ("If you don't like it here you can go someplace else"), and then he takes them to the door to hear the howling of his followers and says "Listen! Children of the night! What music they make!" It becomes evident that it is useless to struggle against the Count's hospitality. Look very closely at his respectable, superior face - you notice something hideous at the corners of the mouth. Holding a mirror up to him has an interesting effect - for he can't see himself. The presence of a cross - symbolic among other things of the inseparable union of intellect and feeling - he considers this to be "very poor taste," to say the least. He has no power out in the sunshine. If you get up your courage and drive a sharp stake right through his heart while he is still in his coffin, he shrivels right up into a hideous, pathetic old non-entity.

The ending piece this time is by Thoreau:

"I have lived some thirty years on this planet, and I have yet to hear the first syllable of valuable or even earnest advice from my seniors...If I have any experience which I think valuable, I am sure to reflect that this my Mentors said nothing about."

Thoughts At The Kitchen Sink

By Kathy Brown

It used to thoroughly irritate me that the English department at NECC chose to call itself the Communications department. Sixteen years ago when I went to college from high school, I was an English major. There was no such thing as a communications major!

I decided it was a rather trifling question of semantics, and I wondered why professors, department, and division chair people did not have more important things to think about.

That was before I had any extensive involvement in the news media. Here, at least, how one says something is just as important as having something to say. Indeed, if an effective means of saying it cannot be found, it might easily be lost. Harsh perhaps, but true.

Few people bother to read anything that begins with or leads into a confusing or ambiguous statement. They demand a clear, cogent, and concise commitment from the writer, and they deserve it. New writing is Communications: Hopefully, it is also English.

No matter how many new toys flood the market, the air ways, and the newspapers each Christmas; it is encouraging to note that Americans seem to have as much a sense of toy traditions as they do holiday traditions.

Winnie the Pooh and Mickey Mouse continue to comfort toddlers: Tinker toys are still used imaginatively: Lionel trains last forever: Raggedy Ann and Andy are eternal.

The best thing about buying an "Old Friend", traditional toy for a child is the unanticipated bonus that comes from sharing one's own special fantasies and memories.

I am really not sure for whom Santa left an electric train under our tree - Andi, our youngest daughter, or her father. It really doesn't matter: They are both kids at heart.

My favorite day of each new semester is the day I go to the bookstore to buy books. I can't wait to get home with my booty to examine what gems and treasures I've acquired.

It's fun to get an idea of what's to be learned this term - to get a general impression of the whole book by taking nibbles and bites here and gobbles there.

When I discover an old friend like Victor Hugo's **The Hunchback of Notre Dame**, the theory of existentialism, a study I'm familiar with like Durkheim's study of suicide, Dibs, or and Emily Dickinson poem I congratulate myself on my excellent judgment of teachers or at least my haphazard luck if I didn't choose that professor.

There's also a sense of expectation and-or a feeling of "I've been meaning to read this author's stuff" with the unfamiliar material. Occasionally, there's one book, probably related to a technical science, which I set aside and leaf through last, with awe and trepidation.

It's a little like Christmas when I still believed in Santa Claus. I feel like a kid with twelve new toys, and I have a hard time deciding which one to play with first.

And nostalgia's there, too! I've always loved the smell of new books: it reminds me of pencil boxes, which I also like.

But that's not all of it. There's promise and hope and optimism. A book or books alone don't make a course. A good professor can take a terrible book or no book for the matter and make something of it. A terrible professor can take a great book and desecrate it. One ends up with pure gold, the other with lead.

Like Santa Claus, it could be an illusion, but just yet, it's too early to tell, so I'm safe and comfortable in my innocence and naivete for a while anyway.

Bible news

By Joy Grant

The Bible Club of Northern Essex would like to welcome everybody to the Spring Semester of 1978. The Bible Club meets every Wednesday during the activity period. This Semester, we will be meeting in room C-103.

The Bible Club has always been a place where people can join together for an hour to two of friendship, fellowship, fun and singing. Who cares if (like most of us) you cannot carry a tune in a bucket, as long as we are singing God's Praises, it sounds beautiful.

For those who have never heard of our Club, it is comprised of many caring people who happen to have the Love and Acceptance of Christ in common. If you would like to stop by and see what it is all about, we will be more than happy to welcome you. If you cannot attend, or if you do not feel comfortable being around a bunch of Christian people, then write a note and leave it in Rick Nastri's office in the College Center. Rick is the Student Activities Director here at NECC. He would be glad to give us what ever praises and/or prayers are given to him. If all you can do is stop by and say, "Hi, my name is ---, could you please pray for me?" When your prayer is answered, drop in and tell us it was answered, that would be great.

In closing, the Bible Club wants to welcome all members, old and new to the next semester of Christian love.

Please Vote Friday

By Knute Lindberg

NECC - Two students will be elected to the student council this Friday, February 3, in the cafeteria between the hours of 9 and 2. The reason for the special election is because two former student council members graduated last semester.

Two students, Judith Dusombre, and Jimmy Sanborn, have filed for nomination papers. If any other students are interested in running for the student council, you must have your nomination papers into Richard Nastri's office by Wednesday the 1st, said Nastri, the student coordinator at NECC. Write-ins will also be accepted on the ballot. All students are urged to get out and vote.

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Sirius Business Star guide

Jan. 23 through Feb. 6, 1978:

The Spring Semester 1978 starts with a Full Moon Cycle.

Jan. 23 is marked by a Moon conjunct with Mars which could ignite moods and passions. Try to relax and work through all emotional and physical obstacles. There may be urges to step over the line and take chances - try to keep this on the mental level - a good day to concentrate and deal with business or bureaucratic realities.

The Full Wolf Moon is at 2:55 a.m., Tuesday Jan. 24 in Leo. This may cause hair to grow on your face and hands, but do not fret. Really look for illumined wisdom. Beware of some adverse love (Venus) vibrations (jealousy etc.). Perceptions may be distorted and behavior unwarranted - be cool - relax and try to discipline the unruly mind.

Retrograde (looks like backward movement in sky) Mars re-enters Cancer at 9 p.m. Jan. 25. This may bring bold, independent and fearless natures to the forefront.

Mercury enters Aquarius at 10:54 p.m. Feb. 4. The mind may dwell on idealistic conceptions. Try to act them out on the physical plane. This position will bring about originality and independence with a love for liberty.

Finally Saturn moves into Leo, Feb. 4, at 7:31 p.m. Tact and diplomacy, discretion, executive ability can be abundant. And Saturn trines the Moon on this day also, so emotions will be disciplined and of controlled strength.

Day By Day

(All times Eastern Standard Time..EST)

23 Jan. Monday.

Moon enters Leo at 7:02 p.m. Gambler's urge appears in morning hours. Courage and strength are assets today. Sun conjunct Venus is a blessing.

24 Jan. Tuesday

Full Wolf Moon at 2:55 a.m. Don't over-do anything. Excess energy would be channeled as creativity. Mental and physical power at hand. Use Saturn coolness to control negative Moon opposition Venus vibrations.

25 Jan. Wednesday

Moon encourages new changes. Electrical problems, mechanical mishaps are possible. Be cautious in public places. Seek solitude for enlightenment.

26 Jan. Thursday

Moon enters Virgo at 5:56 a.m. May be a day of misunderstanding. Messed-up communications as possibility. Get rest and slow down your thoughts. Transmute isolated feelings into deep meditation. Comprehend much in few words.

27 Jan. Friday

Military draft was ended this day in 1973...may it stay so! Pleasant feelings abound. Be cheerful and stay out of other people's way. Roll up sleeves and delve into pet individual projects.

28 Jan. Saturday

Moon moves into Libra at 3:07 p.m. and crosses equator. Emotional disturbances likely. Work steadily and try not to over accomplish.

29 Jan. Sunday

Moon crosses ecliptic and means reconciliation of conflicting moods is necessary. Noontime Sun brings much light and harmony into male-female relationships. Talk and share love. Warm hearts count muchly. Accept fate and fact Truth.

30 Jan. Monday

Moon enters Scorpio at 10:30 p.m. Moon square Mars may mean irritable and disturbing natures will abound. Don't press action pace. Seadiness, surity, and calm ensures answers to problems. Be fair; be constructive.

31 Jan. Tuesday

Fourth-Quarter Moon at 6:51 p.m. Control all anti-social impulses and try to communicate and focus reasoning. Concentrate in ideals.

1 Feb. Wednesday

Don't get involved in things you know nothing about. Control is a key today. Moon trine Mars means a fine social and get-it-all-done day.

2 Feb. Thursday

Good luck for Sagittarians today. Moon enters Sagittarius at 2:13 a.m. Don't be impatient. Mercury (mind) opposite Mars (passions) may make relations tense. This is Candlemas Day.

3 Feb. Friday

A day of divine things. Venus sextile Neptune and Moon sextile Sun brings lots of love and energy into focus. Try new ways to do important things. Improve all possible actions.

4 Feb. Saturday

Moon enters Capricorn at 3:50 a.m. and is trine Saturn. A good emotionally disciplined day. Be aware of calm, cool energy. Hard work and follow-through pays off today. Use ability to utmost.

5 Feb. Sunday

Moon perigee. Nervous Sun square Uranus day. Lay off the coffee. The energy will be intense enough. Do not be discouraged. Be realistic and think seriously on all issues.

6 Feb. Monday

Moon enters Aquarius at 4:04 a.m. Work and play need a boost. Generally a slow day for all.

"He who does not know, and does not know he does not know is a fool; shun him. He who does not know, and knows he does not know, is a child; teach him. He who knows, and does not know he knows, is asleep; wake him. He who knows and knows he knows, is wise; follow him."

Void of Course Moon Schedule

(Bad times to spend big bucks, make important decisions, and the like. In 24 hour time. Times after Noon-p.m.-are larger than 12.)

Jan. 26 - 03:30 to 05:56

Jan. 28 - 13:12 to 15:07

Jan. 30 - 19:13 to 22:03

Feb. 1 - 23:15 to Feb. 2 - 02:13

Feb. 4 - 00:43 to 03:50

Feb. 5 - 09:46 to Feb. 6 - 04:04.

Best Star Wishes
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Usha Sellers

Sellers In Action

NECC - When Professor Usha Sellers was 14 years old, she entered the Indian Olympics. There, she took first place in the javelin throw for New Delhi. She also came in third place for India.

Although Professor Sellers is very petite, popular opinion has it that she still throws her weight around. She believes in living life to the fullest each day. As one student noted, "she's like a little stick of dynamite, with enormous energy."

Usha Nand Sellers, of Reading, teaches physical anthropology at NECC. She is part of the faculty for Humanities and faculty coordinator for Discovery.

Usha was born in India, daughter of Mr. S.J. and Dr. Nand. She is married to Dr. William W. Sellers, D.M.D. and the couple has four children.

Professor Sellers received her BA from Punjab University, India, an MA from Tufts, and she is currently studying for a doctorate in education at Boston University.

Ms. Sellers was an instructor at Westbrook J. College, Portland, Maine, before coming to NECC seven years ago. She has been a part of Discovery for four of those years.

Professor Sellers is a gourmet cook and she loves to eat French food. She also enjoys reading about the latest fossil finds in anthropology.

In speaking of India, she said there was no television for her as a child; consequently, she explored nature and learned to entertain herself. She lived through a Civil War there; and at age 10 she was sent to a safer area. She said, "in retrospect, all these experiences gave me a great appreciation for family and friends."

Professor Sellers truly enjoys her students as people, "even though time does not permit a full expression of this." She enjoys talking and being with young people, as she feels they can provide valuable insight.

Professor Sellers said she is "young in heart, soul and body," without a doubt.

Cancelled classes for spring semester

The following classes have been cancelled for the spring semester.

Industrial Management	
English Composition 1 -	Section 1
English Composition 1 -	Section 2
English Composition 2 -	Section 37
Intro College English -	Section 1
Intro College English -	Section 3
Colloquium Early Ideas	
Liberal Arts Math 2 -	Section 5
Liberal Arts Math 2 -	Section 10
Quantitative Methods -	Section 3
Modern Dance 1	
Intra Mural Planning and Administration	
Secretarial Procedures 2 -	Section 2
Technical Typewriting	

Scholarships available

Bradford College wishes to extend its Merrimack Valley Area Honor Scholarships program to include graduates of Northern Essex Community College beginning with the 1978-79 academic year. The Honor Awards have been available to outstanding high school students of the Merrimack Valley area for the past five years. In order to qualify for one of the awards, a Northern Essex Community College student should be a candidate for an Associate's degree (to be completed before entering Bradford), possess a record of scholastic achievement and outstanding personal qualities, be a permanent resident of the Merrimack Valley area, and plan to continue studying as a full time student.

Bradford College, now in its 175th year as an institution of higher education, is

coeducational. The Bachelor of Arts majors are career oriented and interdisciplinary in nature. They include Administrative Studies, American Culture, Creative Arts, Human Studies, Urban Studies and an Individual Major.

In addition to the Honor Award, Bradford has a strong financial aid program based on need. No student should fail to consider attending Bradford because of cost. For example, a student who is eligible for a BEOG and a state scholarship can often receive enough aid from Bradford to cover the remainder of the tuition.

If you have questions concerning Bradfords programs or the special scholarship award please contact Betty M. Bone, Coordinator for Continuous Learning at Bradford College, Bradford, Mass. (372-7161).

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What do you expect to get out of Northern Essex?

Barbara Dow, age 24, from North Andover: "I came back to school once seven years ago, but didn't get anything out of it. Now I'm trying again."



Rick Picone, age 20, from Bradford: "Probably an associates degree."



Melissa Menold, age 21, from Lawrence: "I expect to get an education. I'm enrolled in Liberal Arts, but I'll switch to education after a year."



Steve Weiner, age 24, from Haverhill: "I expect to receive a broad, general education."



Kathy Prunier, age 19, from Methuen: "I expect to get an education. I'd like to get into the nutrition field, but it won't be while here."



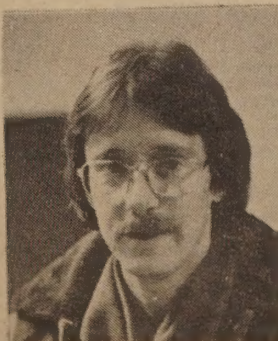
Jill O'Donald, age 18, from Dracut: "A career, a good job. Hopefully something I'll really enjoy."



Dan Ryan, age 18, from Topsfield: "I want to transfer after a couple of years in Liberal Arts."



Robert Moran, age 38, from Bradford: "I've been out of school for the past 20 years. I got back in order to get a different job. Right now I run my own painting and decorating business."



Policies adopted

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Following is the new MBRCC policy:
General Policy

It is our policy not to discriminate on the basis on handicap status in our educational-employment program and activities.

It is also our policy to promote the realization of equal opportunity for the handicapped through a positive continuing program of specific practices designed to ensure the full realization of equal opportunity.

To make this policy effective, and to ensure compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, we have developed an Equal Opportunity Program which includes the following elements:

Responsibility for Implementation

Each college, including the board office, shall designate an individual who shall be responsible for administration and implementation of our Equal Opportunity Program for the handicapped.

In carrying out his/her responsibilities under this policy, the individual may exercise, subject to approval of his/her chief executive officer, all authority necessary to implement relevant provisions of Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Adoption of Grievance Procedure

To provide prompt and equitable resolution of grievances brought by handicapped employees and students, each college shall designate its Affirmative Action-Equal Opportunity Grievance Procedure as the appropriate resolution mechanism.

It is also the responsibility of all persons making employment-admissions decisions with respect to recruitment, evaluation, selection, promotion, compensation, training, termination and other matters to ensure that our policy and program is adhered to and that no person is discriminated against because of handicap status.

Policy Dissemination

To assure that all members of the staff are cognizant of our equal opportunity policy and their individual responsibilities in carrying it out, efforts should be made to disseminate the policy as widely as possible. Such dissemination would include statements in admission and employment applications, posted statements throughout the institutions and statements in all contracts including but not limited to union contracts.

Physical Accessibility

Every effort should be made to make all campus facilities accessible to handicap individuals by June, 1980. This endeavor should be accomplished by using ramps, widening doorways, providing accessible bathrooms and facilities, enclosing bridges and walkways between buildings, reserved parking for HP and V plated cars, providing brailled labels on elevators and by providing volume controls on telephones designated for Handicapped individuals, and such other modifications as are necessary to ensure full participation of all handicapped persons.

WRAZ is rolling

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After a semester's worth of efforts on the part of radio club members, the green light for expansion was given by administration; John Dimitry, President of the College; Churchill Stafford, Dean of Students; Donald Ruhl, Dean of the college; and Rick Nastri, Co-Ordinator of Student Activities.

President Dimitry ordered that decibal reading, (in terms of volume, how sound is measured) be taken in every area that WRAZ proposed to broadcast to. Sound (noise), is Dimitry's main concern with WRAZ. He doesn't "want to be a party to blasting people."

Because of this, WRAZ was also required to do an environmental impact study. That is, surveys were distributed to a random sampling of the population on campus. Approximately 600 people filled out the questionnaire (student, faculty and staff), which was designed to find out what kind of music people wanted to hear, where they wanted to hear it, and what

Academic Adjustment

Community Colleges are required to make such adjustments as are necessary to insure that academic requirements do not discriminate or have the effect of discriminating on the basis of handicap status, against qualified handicapped student applicants. Rules may not be imposed which have the effect of limiting the participation of handicapped students, e.g. tape recorders or guide dogs may not be prohibited.

The dangers of amphetamines

An auto roars down the road and with an earsplitting crash, crumples into a tree. Speed Kills. "Speed" also kills subtly, almost invisibly through amphetamine abuse.

The cycle has begun. It will take more pills as time passes to restrict the appetite. Many people taking amphetamines do not realize the danger that can lie in diet pills or speed as they are sometimes called, according to Dr. Stanley Einstein, author of "Dangers of Drugs".

The biggest danger lies in the fact that speed has a large tolerance over a short period of time. The more you take, the more you need. Speed is legally prescribed by the hundreds of millions each year in the United States. They are not as physically addicting as other drugs, but are the most psychologically addicting. Psychological and physical dependence is dangerous.

Although amphetamines do suppress the appetite, its adverse reactions on the mind and body need some thought. The serious effects of EXCESSIVE use include depression, headaches, irritability, dizziness, palpitations, panic, confusion and abdominal cramps. Outbursts and irrational behavior are common in long-term users. Use of diet pills for longer than a year can cause liver damage, Dr. Einstein said. Amphetamines particularly have an effect on the cerebral cortex, and this affects coordination. Amphetamines increase all inside bodily functions, greatly increasing the heart rate and constricting the blood vessels.

Surely, then, dieting becomes contradictory. Trying to improve the outward appearance is fine; if done without causing havoc to a person's system.

Therefore, there must be an easier way. Start off by walking away from the refrigerator. Keep busy. Correct dieting means restrictions, but rapid movement away from the table is a good tool. Eat only when hungry. Diet experts said Americans tend to eat automatically. Most overweight persons do not eat a great amount, the problem lies in what they eat. "Weight Watchers", "Tops", any of various weight organizations offer help. Well-balanced nutritious diets are healthier for body and mind.

Remember, "Speed kills!" The American Medical Association said there are more high-dose amphetamines users in large cities than heroin addicts.

In conclusion, Dr. Wayne Dyer, author of "You Erroneous Zones" said "before loving others we must have a first love - ourselves."

they thought of WRAZ. The students were the main factor in deciding if WRAZ would expand, or merely remained trapped in the College Center. As in any democracy, the people had the say.

And to the delight of WRAZ members, the people said yes. The surveys indicated that a landslide majority of people who replied wanted the radio station to include the areas mentioned in the beginning of this article; not to mention a few places that weren't even included in the survey.

Within two weeks, WRAZ will be campus wide. However, Mr. Dimitry has ordered a thirty day trial period in which the station will broadcast in the new areas. If the reaction is not favorable, Dimitry will immediately stop the radio club from broadcasting to any or all places.

WRAZ is rolling on louder and stronger than ever, and they intend to only improve an already good thing. From the members of the radio station, thank you all for your support and great comments. Have a great '78, and keep that dial tuned to WRAZ - cause we know where your car is parked!

Karate Club kicks into gear

The highly successful Karate Club at Northern Essex Community College will begin classes on Wednesday, January 25th and continue every Wednesday and Friday from 11 to 1 in the Womens Gym (Wed.) and the Mens Gym (Fri.). This is a Coed club consisting of Northern Essex students. Students may begin at any time and receive the private instruction of a ranking belt until all the basics are learned. The style taught is Moo Duk Kwan, a form of Korean Karate. We are privileged to have Master Richard A. Byrne as our instructor. Mr. Byrne is a 3rd degree Black Belt and holder of two worlds records. The cost??? Well you'll have to look twice to believe it...\$1.50 per class!! That's only \$.75 per hour!

The success of the Karate Club at Northern Essex Community College is exemplified by the showing our students made in the annual Tang Soo Do Association Tournament held at Northern Essex. After just two months of instruction, our students took five trophies home!

Like any other club on campus, it needs participation. You are most welcome to come down and watch or hopefully join. Men and Women, young or old, strong or weak.

If you have any questions or want more information, please contact the Karate Club advisor, Rick Nastri, in Room 126 College Center, or come down and watch a class. We need you!!!

Northeastern senior is new intramurals director

Jeff Donahue will be the new Director and Coordinator of the Intramural at Northern Essex. He is a senior at Northeastern University in Boston, and he will be carrying out his duties here through his college co-op program.

Donahue will be heading basketball, volleyball, racquetball, table tennis along with basketball and billiard tournaments. Seminars on cross country skiing will also be given by him.

Donahue is single and lives in Andover. He is an avid skier and tennis player. He will be graduating this May and hopes to further his career in the sports field.



(Photo by Pallaria)
Instructor Rick Byrne supervises while Tina Sakash breaks Rick Nastri's choke hold.

"Oh, I think I'm going to be sick," Elizabeth said quietly to no one in particular. "Oh Clarence, I love you so much, even though your head is gone and your body is bald. I refuse to lower myself to cannibalism. You were my only friend. I won't bite one leg." Elizabeth ran from the table to the bathroom.

The Price family looked at one another silently. They all understood. Clarence was Elizabeth's pet turkey. They all felt terrible. Mr. Price felt very guilty now. He lost his job several month's ago and the small income he was receiving from unemployment just wasn't enough to buy a turkey this Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Price was against it from the very beginning but Mr. Price insisted that

Clarence was the prime candidate for turkey this year. Mr. Price said, "He's an animal, that's all!"

Elizabeth awoke in the morning to discover that Clarence had disappeared, (all 20 pounds). She hunted high and low in the barn but there was no sign of him.

Her father told her Clarence must have run away. It was mating season after all and her turkey was healthy.

After hours of looking she decided to give up and continue her search after lunch. "It's Thanksgiving! What an appropriate day for Clarence to decide to run-away," she thought as she walked into the dining room. The family was seated at the table, Elizabeth sat down just as Mr. Price placed the 20 pound turkey in the center of the table.

Jewelry making -

HAVERHILL - Have you ever enjoyed being creative by putting your talents to use in some kind of hobby? Well, Mrs. Muriel Toshach, of Haverhill, has and is taking the hobby one step further.

Mrs. Toshach has been a resident of Haverhill for 30 years. Her home reflects all of her creativity from her hand-made braided rug to the kitchen furniture which she refinished herself. It was only after a trip to New Mexico that she first decided to try her talent at making jewelry.

Receiving help from a friend, she began learning all the basics, and converted her cellar into a workshop. From then on it was really a matter of trial and error. She recalls her first creation with a smile, a pair of earrings which she now classifies as "terrible".

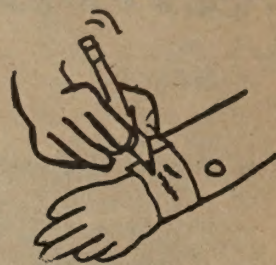
That was five years ago. Now her work ranges from \$3 sterling silver rings to a \$300 turquoise bracelet. She works mostly with turquoise, coral and other semi-precious stones.

Her husband, Reginald Toshach Jr., Deputy Chief of the Haverhill fire dept. not only shares her interest, but works along with her.

They form a team in which Mr. Toshach buys the stones in the rough, then proceeds to cut and polish them. His wife then takes the cut stone and places it in one of her original sterling silver creations. They display their work in a velvet lined wooden hutch placed in a room off the kitchen. Mrs. Toshach averages about 15 to 20 hours weekly working with her jewelry. She designs most of her pieces for women and her husband designs the bigger pieces for men; such as watchbands and belt buckles.

The Toshach's find their hobby very rewarding, and hope, after retiring to open a shop of their own.

OFF THE CUFF



Anyone interested in the trip to Florida the last week in March should contact Rick Nastri in the Student Center for further details.

Any faculty or staff member having a temporary parking sticker, please see Phyllis Berman in the maintenance building to obtain their permanent sticker. Temporary permits will soon be outdated.

The skiing conditions up north have been reported as excellent, with short lift lines and less expensive tickets during the week.

The Library hours are as follows: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Fridays and 8 .m. - 12 p.m. Saturdays. Hours are subject to change.

There have been three new faculty appointments, Dr. William O'Rourke will be a full time professor in the Gerontology program and Ms. Judith Lyons and Ms. Elaine Haddad will be part time instructors in the Nursing program.

Busy Rick Nastri has been appointed a secretary, Viki DeMarco, who will assist him with student activities.

School schedule

JANUARY 23
JANUARY 24-27 & 30
JANUARY 30
JANUARY 30
JANUARY 30, 31 and
FEBRUARY 1, 2 and 4
FEBRUARY 10
FEBRUARY 11
FEBRUARY 17
FEBRUARY 20*
MARCH 17
MARCH 24
MARCH 25
APRIL 17*
MAY 18
MAY 22-27
MAY 27
MAY 29
MAY 30
JUNE 15
JUNE 19

Classes Begin - Day Division
Drop/Add Period - Day Division
Classes begin - Evening Division
Last day to add a DAY course
Late Registration and Drop/Add Period - Evening Division
Last day to withdraw from a DAY course without a W grade
Last day to withdraw from an EVENING course without a W grade
Last day to submit a petition for June graduation
Washington's Birthday - no classes
Evacuation Day - no classes
Last day to withdraw from a DAY course with a W grade
Last day to withdraw from an EVENING course with a W grade
Patriot's Day - no classes
Last day of classes before final examination period
Final exams - Day and Evening Divisions
Spring semester officially ends
Memorial Day
Last day to submit grade roster to Registrar
Commencement
Summer Session classes begin

* This holiday falls on a Monday.

Make-up dates for Evening Division classes will be announced by your instructors.
NOTE REGISTRATION AND CLASS DATES AT EXTENSION CAMPUSES MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM THE HAVERHILL CAMPUS. SEE THE SECTION ON EXTENSION CAMPUSES FOR INFORMATION.

Scholarships are available

NECC - There will be at least two scholarships of \$250 given annually at Necc. One of these will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in English and who intends to pursue studies in Liberal Arts. The second will be awarded to a student who has demonstrated general excellence in all his/her courses in any curriculum and intends to pursue further studies.

To be eligible for these, a student must be in their last semester in a regular degree granting curriculum. The student must also have a cumulative point average in excess of 3.5.

If interested, students should fill out a scholarship application, which is available in the financial aid office. In order to complete the application, the student must obtain three faculty signatures, who are willing to attest to the quality of said students work.

A screening committee will be composed of five faculty members. One from each of the following departments: Communications, math, science, and technology, liberal arts, business and human services and allied health. This committee will examine student applications and nominate students for the approval of the Board of Directors of the Faculty Association.

Fencing Club Meets In Gym

Fencing club meetings are being held in the Men's Aux. Gym every Wednesday at noon. This will be the first semester that NECC will be using electrical equipment to aid in the scoring. Dr. Chang, the club advisor, expresses interest in conducting fencing sessions with other area colleges,

such as Lowell and UNH. Membership is open to all students. Fencers are easy to spot at the gym, they run around in white suits and are wired to score touches. Fencing exhibition are being worked on for the upcoming week. Stay tuned.